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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION

SUMMARY: SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS ON YARG-ROK RELATIONS.

- 1. DEPPRIMIN YAHYA JEGHMAN SAID ON 12 JANUARY THAT HE WANTED TO SEA MOVEMENT START OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH ROK. HE PARRIED SUGGESTION THAT FIRST STEP MIGHT BE FOR YARG TO SEND HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION TO SEOUL, AS IT HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO DO. HE SAID DELEGATION SHOULD GO WHEN IT CAN SIGN AGREEMENTS, AND TO DO THIS ROK SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ITS OFFER, MADE DURING LAST VISIT OF ROK MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO SANA, TO SEND WORKING LEVEG STUDY TEAMS. (PARA 4, SANA 2925 APPLIES.)
- 2. EMBOFF ARGUED THAT IT UP TO YAR TO TAKE FIRST STEP, FOLLOWING DAMAGE DONE TO ITS CREDIBILITY BY MAKKI. JEGHMAN SAID ANOTHER ROK-YAR MEETING WHICH DOES NOT REACH FIRM AGREEMENTS WILL PLAY INTO HANDS OF ASIAN COMMUNIST POWERS REPRESENTED HERE IN SANA AND OF LEFTIST CRITICS OF YAR DECISION TO NEUTRALIZE CONFIDENTIAL

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ITSELF IN UN ON KOREAN QUESTION. JEGHMAN SAID DECISION

WAS TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE, AND WAS BASIS FOR MOVING AHEAD, DESPITE WHAT MAKKI DID. WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN WOULD BE FOR ISSUE TO LIE DORMANT UNTIL "ANOTHER SEPTEMBER, ANOTHER VOTE" IS UPON US.

3. FOR DISCUSSION OF SALT PURCHASES, SEE SANA 0107.
COMMENT: WE SHOULD AVERT ALPHONSE AND GASTON ROUTINE, IN WHICH YARG AND ROK EACH WAIT FOR OTHER TO GO FIRST.
JEGHMAN PROPOSAL SEEMS WORKABLE; ROK EMBASSY IN JIDDA COULD BRING DOWN PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL MISSIONS WHICH PROMISED, RESULTS ANY INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY ROK ON TRANSPORT OF SALT, AND IN PROCESS SET UP YARG VISIT TO SEOUL WHICH WOULD SERVE TO SIGN AGREEMENTS. SCOTES

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